

Introduced by Senator Gaines

February 15, 2011

An act relating to tidelands and submerged lands.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 385, as introduced, Gaines. Tidelands and submerged lands: public trust doctrine: Lake Tahoe.

Under existing law, the State Lands Commission has exclusive jurisdiction over all ungranted tidelands and submerged lands owned by the state. Existing law also provides that all jurisdiction and authority remaining in the state as to granted tidelands and submerged lands is vested in the commission. The commission is required to exclusively administer and control these lands.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require the State Lands Commission to establish the highest level of public trust tidelands and submerged lands at Lake Tahoe to be 6,223 feet Lake Tahoe datum, the source elevation of the Truckee River, Lake Tahoe's only outlet.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation that would require the State Lands Commission to do
- 3 both of the following:
- 4 (a) Establish the highest level of public trust tidelands and
- 5 submerged lands at Lake Tahoe to be 6,223 feet Lake Tahoe datum,

- 1 the source elevation of the Truckee River, Lake Tahoe's only
- 2 outlet.
- 3 (b) Provide that the boundary for public trust tidelands and
- 4 submerged lands at Lake Tahoe shall not be higher than the natural
- 5 high-water elevation, as described in subdivision (a).